

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Inventor: Michael Trainer  
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PARTICLE CHARACTERISTICS BY MEASURING SCATTERED LIGHT  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Please enter this Preliminary Amendment, in the above-identified application.

Attached is a document showing the amendments to the claims.

After entry of this Preliminary Amendment, the total number of independent claims in the application is four, and the number of total claims is 18.

Applicant requests that the application be examined as amended.

Respectfully submitted,

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